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Nic,

FYI...Bravo Branch update from 02SEP17 OPS.

-Jacqueline

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Jackie,

Branch Houston is operational. Bill Rhotenberry is the EPA Branch Director, Matt Tilimon remains the Deputy, and I have been working alongside him for all operations.

- The oil discharge assessment branch visited 13 facilities and queried 7 throughout the Houston area of responsibility. Of those targets, we have two of particular concern and 5 to follow-up on in the next week.
- The Magellan facility along the Houston Ship Channel reported approximately 25,000 barrels of a gas/stock blend released within their facility and currently contained in secondary containment. An OSRO has been hired and they drafted a transfer plan to conduct an over the top transfer from secondary containment back into a facility tank. The transfer plan was routed to USCG Sector Houston Operations Department and pends approval following safety assessment.
- The San Jacinto River and Rail Facility reported an approximately 15,000 gallons of waste oil discharged within their facility to include 12 mystery drums scattered across the facility. Damage Assessment teams confirmed that vegetation and residual ponds are coated with an oil. The RP is in the process of hiring an OSRO to commence clean-up operations. No mobile oil visible in the waterway; oil has clung to vegetation. Discharge assessment teams plan to follow-up to confirm clean-up moves forward and conduct SCAT.
- Houston's Helicopter, N-972L was airborne throughout the day and reported no major pollution concerns, but noted small targets to investigate along the shoreline. They did note that the Lake Houston area was still heavily flooded, but waters were receding quickly. 972 patrolled from Galveston to Matagorda, they canvassed the Houston harbor and conducted a sortie overhead Lake Houston.

- Our hazard evaluation is 100% complete on shoreline assessments. A team was routed to investigate a report of adrift containers at an intersection in Dickens, TX. Responders confirmed containers were not on the road and marked them for further investigation.

V/R,
JoEllen